



# WESTBOROUGH

## Worcester County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Westborough has the good fortune of being strategically located at the crossroads of major transportation networks, but maintains a good balance between fast-paced urban life and suburban residential areas. The community is known as a good place to live, with high levels of community participation, good municipal services including excellent schools and a pride in its history (which includes Eli Whitney and Admiral Denfeld). The community has attracted high technology manufacturing and corporate headquarters as well as a wide mix of other commercial enterprises. The positive community climate continues to encourage business growth on the one hand, while also encouraging pleasant open areas spacing attractive residential developments.

(Narrative supplied by community)



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# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

East central Massachusetts, bordered by Northborough on the north, Southborough and Hopkinton on the east, Upton on the south, and Grafton and Shrewsbury on the west. Westborough is about 12 miles east of Worcester, 29 miles west of Boston, and 185 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 21.62 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 20.52 sq. miles

**Population:** 14,133

**Density:** 689 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Worcester WSO Station)

Normal temperature in January.....22.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....69.7°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.8"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Marlborough, Shrewsbury, Milford, Grafton

## Regional Planning Agency

Central Massachusetts

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Worcester



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 366-3030

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Coordinator

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1717

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 8,442

Democrats 2,301 27.3 % Republicans 2,020 23.9 % Other parties 6 0.1 % Unenrolled Voters 4,115 48.7 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Westborough town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	17,997	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	17,997	100.0
Male.....	8,946	49.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	587	3.3
Female.....	9,051	50.3	Mexican.....	100	0.6
Under 5 years.....	1,303	7.2	Puerto Rican.....	91	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	1,452	8.1	Cuban.....	17	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,458	8.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	379	2.1
15 to 19 years.....	1,189	6.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	17,410	96.7
20 to 24 years.....	643	3.6	White alone.....	15,444	85.8
25 to 34 years.....	2,344	13.0	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	3,498	19.4	Total population.....	17,997	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,697	15.0	In households.....	17,130	95.2
55 to 59 years.....	794	4.4	Householder.....	6,534	36.3
60 to 64 years.....	534	3.0	Spouse.....	3,959	22.0
65 to 74 years.....	893	5.0	Child.....	5,548	30.8
75 to 84 years.....	739	4.1	Own child under 18 years.....	4,764	26.5
85 years and over.....	453	2.5	Other relatives.....	469	2.6
Median age (years).....	36.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	124	0.7
18 years and over.....	12,885	71.6	Nonrelatives.....	620	3.4
Male.....	6,242	34.7	Unmarried partner.....	263	1.5
Female.....	6,643	36.9	In group quarters.....	867	4.8
21 years and over.....	12,490	69.4	Institutionalized population.....	689	3.8
62 years and over.....	2,393	13.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	178	1.0
65 years and over.....	2,085	11.6	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	797	4.4	Total households.....	6,534	100.0
Female.....	1,288	7.2	Family households (families).....	4,520	69.2
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	2,535	38.8
One race.....	17,754	98.6	Married-couple family.....	3,959	60.6
White.....	15,869	88.2	With own children under 18 years.....	2,222	34.0
Black or African American.....	259	1.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	420	6.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	24	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	239	3.7
Asian.....	1,456	8.1	Nonfamily households.....	2,014	30.8
Asian Indian.....	740	4.1	Householder living alone.....	1,643	25.1
Chinese.....	420	2.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	639	9.8
Filipino.....	21	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,616	40.0
Japanese.....	19	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,337	20.5
Korean.....	143	0.8	Average household size.....	2.62	(X)
Vietnamese.....	10	0.1	Average family size.....	3.21	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	103	0.6	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	6,773	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	6,534	96.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	239	3.5
Samoa.....	3	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	1	-	occasional use.....	44	0.6
Some other race.....	142	0.8	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	243	1.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	5.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	6,534	100.0
White.....	16,082	89.4	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,208	64.4
Black or African American.....	320	1.8	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,326	35.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	69	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.93	(X)
Asian.....	1,550	8.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.06	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	-			
Some other race.....	230	1.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 110

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

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Located in the Worcester region which has three major cross-state highways: the Worcester Turnpike (Route 9), Route 20, and the Massachusetts Turnpike. I-495 borders to the east, I-190 links to the Fitchburg-Leominster area, I-84 and I-395 connect to Connecticut and points south. The region is well connected by rail and highway to the ports, airports, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are the Worcester Turnpike (State Route 9), State Routes 30 and 135, the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), and Interstate 495. I-495, the outer loop around Boston, has interchanges with both Route 9 and with I-90 in Westborough.

### Rail

Conrail offers freight service to Westborough and operates an auto transloading facility in the town. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

### Bus

Westborough is a member of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (WRTA), which provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled. Peter Pan Bus Lines provides local service from Westborough between Worcester and Boston every 2 hours.

### Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial Service (PR) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways: 5,500'x 150' and 6,999'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Peter Pan Bus Lines, offers service from Westborough to Logan Airport 7 days a week.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

Westborough State Hospital

### Long Term Care

Beaumont At The Willows

Westborough Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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